

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

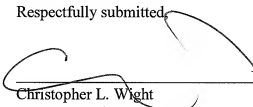
Claims 14-30 are currently pending in the application. Claim 9 has been canceled.  
Claims 14-30 are allowed.

The examiner has objected to the disclosure on grounds that the Brief Description of the Drawings describes Figure 13, which is not present in the formal drawings. Accordingly, Applicant has deleted the reference to Figure 13 (at page 5, second full paragraph) in its entirety.

The examiner has also requested cancellation of claim 9, which is directed to an invention non-elected with traverse in the reply filed on May 16, 2003. Accordingly, claim 9 has been canceled.

In view of the above amendments, Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is in condition to be passed to issue.

Respectfully submitted,



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